[Mr. K. Sankaran.]

(*b*) the name of the person who is doing that work now; and

(*c*) how far the work has progressed and when it is hoped to be finished?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Work is being done under the supervision of Mr V. R. Sankaranarayana Pillai, Assistant Secretary in charge of the Revenue Section.

(*c*) The first and second volumes are nearing completion. The third volume has been drafted and is getting ready for the Press. The Village Manual is also being drafted. The work is expected to be completed during the current year.

Supply of Electricity to the Mills and Factories in Quilon.

92. ***MR. K. SANKARAN** (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any attempt has been made to supply electricity from the Quilon Electric Supply Scheme to the Mills and Factories at Quilon?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Electrical Supply Scheme at Quilon was inaugurated only in last September. Efforts are being made to popularise the use of electricity for industrial purposes and negotiations are in progress for the supply of power to the Industrial Workshops in Quilon of Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield, Ltd.

Importation of salt.

93. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total quantity of salt imported into the State from Bombay and Tinnevelly in 1108 and 1109 respectively;

(*b*) the reasons for the increase in import in 1109;

(*c*) the total quantity of salt consumed in the State in 1109 in excess of the quantity of salt consumed in 1108; and

(*d*) whether they have considered the question of making Travancore self sufficient in the matter of salt, and, if so, the action taken and the result of the same?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) A *statement giving the required information is laid on the table.

(*b*) During 1108 and the first eight months of 1109, the manufacture of salt in the local factories was very poor due to intermittent rains during the manufacturing season. The quantity manufactured was only sufficient to meet the demands in South Travancore. Hence to supplement the local salt, salt from Bombay and Tinnevelly had to be imported.

(*c*) 29,384 maunds.

(*d*) Yes; Every effort is being made to make the State self-sufficient in the matter of salt supply. This can be achieved only if

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